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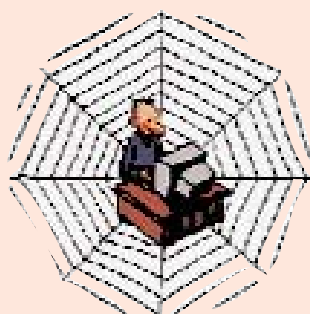
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BRAC 2005: Information available for affected bases

By Master Sgt. Mitch Gettle
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON — The secretary of defense is expected to announce the proposed Base Realignment and Closure list during a press conference Friday.

Air Force officials said they understand the effect BRAC can have on service members, retirees, employees and their families.

To assist people with vital

BRAC information, the Air Force will provide a toll-free number, (888) 473-6120, for military and civilian members affected by the BRAC list.

Besides the toll-free phone number, the Air Force has an informative BRAC Web page at <http://www.af.mil/brac>.

"This number will be available starting Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. EDT until further notice," said Col. Thomas Fleming, Air Force BRAC

response cell director. "We will have trained people from 10 different Air Force organizations to answer or assist with any questions people may have."

Airmen can seek information through their chain of command. They may also contact the public affairs office at their nearest Air Force installation.

BRAC is the congressionally authorized process used

by the Department of Defense to reorganize its base structure to more efficiently and effectively support its forces, increase operational readiness and facilitate new ways of doing business.

"People are our most valuable asset; and though BRAC is a careful and impartial analysis, people will be

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General Lord nominated for 2nd star

Keesler Public Affairs

President George Bush has nominated Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, for promotion to the rank of major general.

General Lord, who assumed command of the wing in April 2004, is a 1977 Air Force Academy graduate.

He holds a bachelor's degree in biological and life sciences, and master's degrees in business administration and national resource strategy.

General Lord previously served at Hancock Field and Griffiss Air Force Base, N.Y.; Royal Air Force Greenham Common, England; Peterson AFB, Colo.; White House Communications Agency, Washington, D.C.; MacDill AFB, Fla.; Tinker AFB, Okla.; and Scott AFB, Ill.

Master Sgt. Roger Drinnon, Keesler Public Affairs, and Airman 1st Class Sarah Stegman, Keesler News staff, contributed to this report.

Training wheels



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Airman Rafael Gatlin, 338th Training Squadron, rides a tricycle in a safety skit during the 81st Training Group's Wingman Day activities Friday. In the skit, Airman Gatlin had his license revoked for drunk driving, so he resorted to riding his trike. The 81st Training Wing conducted its Wingman Day Wednesday.

View from the Top Wingman mindset critical to summer survival goals

By Gen. Donald Cook

Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH Air Force Base, Texas — I recently received a letter from a concerned citizen about the safety of trainees in the armed forces. While I'm confident commanders and supervisors are taking care of our Airmen, the letter reminded me that the American people expect us to "get it right" when it comes to training and educating their sons and daughters.

Whether in basic military training, technical training or developmental education, we are responsible for developing high-quality, expeditionary-minded, professional Airmen — and the wingman mindset is critical to accomplishing this objective. Indeed, a fundamental part of developing airmen is seizing every opportunity to cultivate a wingman mentality in those we entrust to fulfill the Air Force mission.

As summer approaches, we have another opportunity to hone our wingman skills. In the First Command, we're calling the 101 Critical Days of Summer, "Operation Summer Survivor: Xtreme Challenge."

The challenge is to top last year's safety record — to go from one fatal mishap to none and to reduce our overall mishap rate by more than 50 percent.

Our broader challenge, however, is to integrate the safety programs we typically associate with the 101 Critical Days into a comprehensive initiative to encourage the wingman mindset among the members of our command. When you think about it, encouraging people to practice personal risk management, to buckle their seatbelts or to wear protective equipment is all part of building a wingman culture.

That's why AETC installations are conducting another Wingman Day this month. Wingman Day will kick off Operation Summer Survivor because safety is an obvious part of overall wellness.

Over the last five years, the Air Force has lost 131 Airmen during the 101 Critical Days of Summer, and we need to eliminate these tragedies once and for all.

In addition to addressing such hazards as driving tired and mixing alcohol with water sports, we will also revisit the issues discussed during our last Wingman Day.

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We are all expeditionary Airmen. The personal stress imposed by the global war on terror continues to be profound. We can mitigate this stress by committing ourselves to the four dimensions of human wellness: emotional, social, spiritual and physical.

And as wingmen, we are mutually responsible for preventing suicide and self-destructive behavior among our Airmen. Discuss these issues, because as much as we'd like the suicide problem to go away, we still have work to do.

Like preventing suicide, reinforcing personal and operational safety is a wingman's job. Our safety teams and helping agencies are providing commanders and supervisors with resources to conduct an effective Wingman Day with an emphasis on small-group, face-to-face interaction among Airmen and their supervisors.

But when it comes right down to it, we must all ensure our Airmen get the message: We are all Wingmen and we are all responsible for the well-being of our teammates. By internalizing this wingman mindset, we will meet the Operation Summer Survivor challenge.

ACTION LINE ... 377-4357

By Brig. Gen. William Lord

81st Training Wing commander

First, try to work concerns through the proper chain of command. When you've exhausted this recourse, turn to the commander's action line for assistance.

We welcome any suggestions to help make this a valuable and useful tool. You may call the commander's action line at 377-4357 or by writing to Commander's Action Line, 81 TRW/PA, Keesler AFB, MS 39534-2603, or e-mail 81 TRW Commander's Action Line (on-base) or commanders.line@keesler.af.mil (off-base). For a personal response, include your name, address and phone number.

Items of general interest may appear in this column.

Watch for motorcycles

Comment — I have been a motorcycle rider for the past six years, and have been increasingly hassled by the Air Force ever since. I understand the importance of wearing safety gear, and comply because I am told to.

It's been proven that cars are a major cause of motorcycle accidents. Automobile drivers need to pay attention to where they are going and what they are doing.

Why do we suffer when car drivers are at fault? Where is the awareness for the drivers? Don't pull out in front of us, stop tailgating us, quit cutting us off, and don't pass us in our lane.

Highway 90 is a dangerous place to ride a motorcycle, but most of my issues are on base. Every day it seems like somebody is trying to kill me. If you're riding too close to me, and I go down because of some gravel or oil, you are going to run over me.

The base populace needs to be more aware of motorcyclists. Maybe we could get all of the riders out in their reflective vests to pass out safety cards, asking people to watch for us.

Response — I agree that motorists on base must be more aware of motorcycles, but our history clearly says automobiles aren't the major cause of motorcycle accidents. In 2004, 76 percent of all Air Force motorcycle fatalities involved a single motorcycle losing control. So far in 2005, 100 percent of all Air Force motorcycle fatalities were caused by the motorcycle operator losing control with no other vehicle involved. This suggests that riders, particularly inexperienced ones, need wingmen like the Keesler Riders Association and safety programs provide.

Everyone understands how important it is for inexperienced riders to be involved in safety programs to learn solid riding habits. It's important for experienced riders to be actively involved in helping us keep motorcyclists safe. Classroom instruction can only teach so much; sound techniques and procedures are only fully learned after the classroom by watching and mimicking better riders.

The Keesler Riders Association meets at 3:15 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at the Keesler Community Center. The organization provides camaraderie and group rides while teaching and mentoring inexperienced cyclists.

If you're an experienced rider, be a good wingman and help others do it right. It takes all of us working together to keep our people safe.

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People Always.
America Forever.**

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Drunk driving takes emotional toll Sister recalls visit to convicted brother

By Master Sgt.
Kimberly Spencer

59th Medical Wing Public Affairs
LACKLAND AFB, Texas
— I tell myself I won't cry this time.

It's been almost six years since my brother was locked up for vehicular manslaughter. As I sit and wait for him to be released into the visiting area, I remind myself: I will be strong, I will not cry this time.

I'm thankful that he somehow survived the wreck he caused. I deal with the guilt that comes when I think of the mother and daughter in the other car who didn't.

For my mother and stepfather, the emotional and financial tolls have been devastating. Although he is one of six children, he is my mother's only son.

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given him and support him to the best of our ability. Others choose to pretend he no longer exists.

I try to visit him at least once a month. The 12-hour drive gives me time to think.

I think about how this event has devastated so many lives; how that split-second decision to get behind the wheel has turned into a lifetime of pain.

In his intoxicated state, my brother never realized he had forgotten to put his lights on

as he pulled out into the path of a car holding a family of five. They didn't see him until it was too late.

T.C. finally arrives and checks in with the guards. This is when I feel the happiest, finally getting to see my baby brother again. I hug him briefly as a meaty-looking guard frowns.

We sit across the table from one another and chat. We've learned to keep it light, talking about something interesting he has read, or how work is

going for me. I try to update him on family events without dwelling on the things he is missing too much.

Before I know it, the guard is giving us the five-minute warning. This is where it gets tough for me. I hug him hard, holding on despite another frown from the meaty guard. Inevitably, he pulls away and heads for the door back to his cell. As he turns to look at me one last time and I see the sadness in his eyes, I feel the tears melting my resolve.

Slowly I make my way back to the outside, through the stale air, past the clanking metal doors running on molasses.

As I exit the last door, I give up and let the tears fall.

Next time I will be strong, I tell myself. I won't cry — next time.

I've got 54 years to see if I can do it.



Creating a responsible drinking culture

The 0-0-1-3 initiative, which started at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, Wyo., is being implemented at Keesler.

The acronym stands for zero drinks if you're under 21, zero driving under the influence charges, one drink per hour not to exceed three drinks a night.

Alternative late night events available instead of late night drinking and driving include:

Texas Hold 'Em

Texas Hold 'Em is 7 p.m. Friday at the Keesler Community Center.

The grand prize is a seven-night, eight-day Armed Forces Vacation Club trip and a \$100 gas card.

To register, call 377-8313.

Cyber sport

Internet gaming is available daily at Vandenburg Community Center

For information on weekend hours and free lessons, call 377-4519.

Late night dance, DJ

Dances are 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays

at Vandenburg Community Center. Admission is \$3.

NASCAR watch party

NASCAR race watch parties in the Warrior Lounge at the Keesler Community Center are Saturday, May 21 and 29; call for times. Food and drink specials and prize giveaways are featured.

Club members register to win a trip for two to a major NASCAR event.

Warrior Lounge

Karaoke night — 6 p.m.

to 2 a.m. Fridays, featuring Dr. Dick.

Hot dogs — \$1, Friday and Saturdays.

R and B night — 9 p.m., Saturdays. Free admission; drink specials for ladies until midnight.

Disc golf

The disc golf course, north of the Pass Road Gate. There's no charge to play the course. Bring your own discs, or rent or purchase discs at the marina.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

Keesler leads way for instructor course update

Basic instructor training upgrade emphasizes advances in technical resources

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler is the first base in 2nd Air Force to validate the new standardized basic instructor course for all Air Education and Training Command technical training wings.

The 81st Training Support Squadron's faculty development flight kicked off the first class May 4 in Hewes Hall. Col. Joseph Seawell, 2nd Air Force vice commander, helped celebrate the occasion by addressing the first class of 12 students who are scheduled to graduate June 9.

With lessons learned from Keesler's trial run, four other bases begin their own evaluations this summer. Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, begins its validation June 20, followed by Sheppard AFB, Texas, July 6; Vandenberg AFB, Calif., July 11; and Lackland AFB, Texas, July 13.

Second Air Force plans to compile and report results in November.

It's the first significant improvement to the course since 1999, according to Lessie Daniel, 81st TRSS training development element chief.

Course length is established during the validation process, but is expected to be about 200 hours. Graduates receive about eight hours of Community College of the Air Force credit.

Keesler produces about 500 graduates each year. The 81st TRSS is currently manned to start two basic instructor classes of 12 students each twice a month.

Second Air Force assigned faculty development flights at each of five locations to develop a lesson for the new course.

"Since January, 2nd Air Force has managed the development process with weekly video teleconferences and Web-based software referred to as the 'Community of Practice,'" Mrs. Daniel explained. "By logging into COP, managers, developers and subject-matter experts shared information as the development progressed."

The new course is more student-centered than the traditional instructor-led class, with additional emphasis on learning theories and instructional strategies and technologies.

"Student-centered learning facilitates individual learning styles and strategies and encourages social learning among groups of students," Mrs. Daniel noted.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Staff Sgt. Robert Lupton, a student in the basic instructor course from the 334th Training Squadron, and instructor Larry Shook go over

the use of a symposium, an interactive monitor that allows all functions of "smart board" technologies in a computer display.

For the new course, students now prepare and present seven lessons to their class, instead of the four previously required.

One of the presentations must include the use of Power Browser software, the AETC standard, that incorporates computer-generated images and one-gun projectors with electronic whiteboards.

John Lang, 81st TRSS faculty development chief, praised Mrs. Daniel, instructor supervisor George Holbert and instructor Larry Shook "for leading the way in

planning, developing and implementing this new course."

Dr. Lang said the project was guided to fruition by Col. Robert Simmons, 2nd Air Force director of operations.

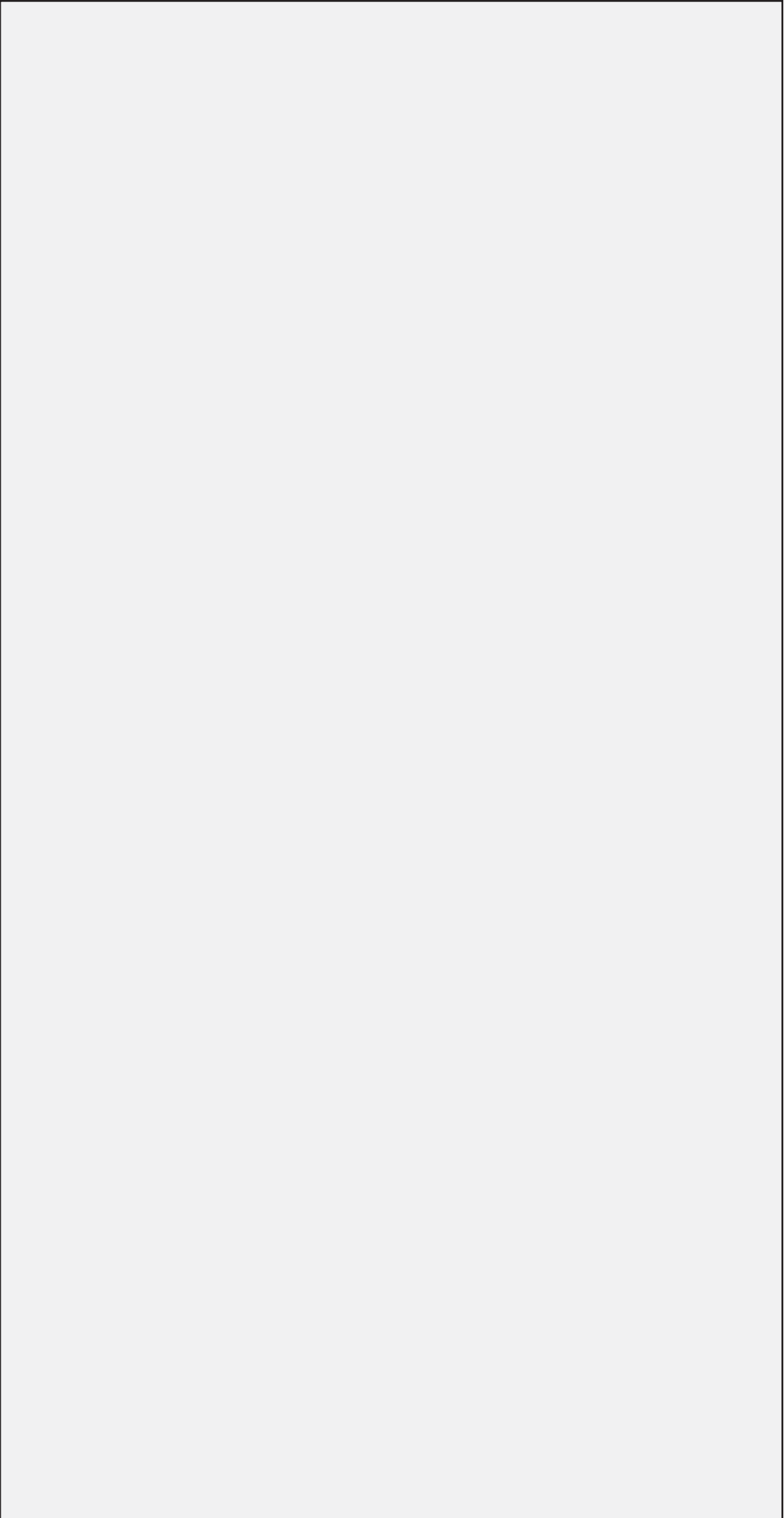
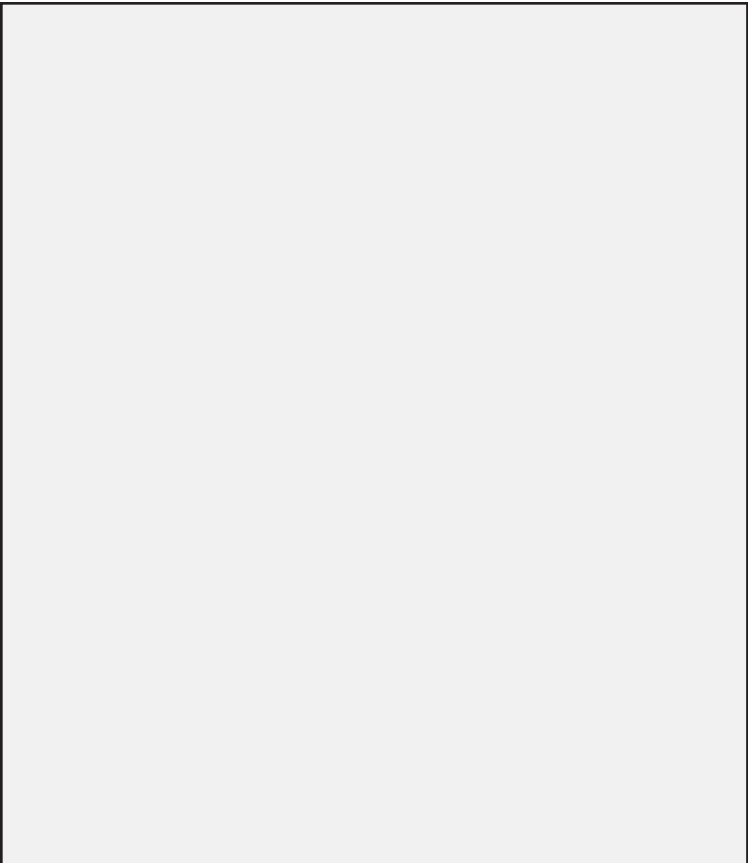
"Key members of the 2nd Air Force staff nursed this project along since its inception," he added, including Joette Renick, faculty development chief; Master Sgt. Tonya Peele, training manager; and Master Sgts. Stephen Ellis and William Hardesty, evaluators.

Warrior knowledge



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman Michael Nicely, left, Tech. Sgt. Michael DeMoulin and 2nd Lt. Michael Chavarria, 81st Supply Squadron, put their heads together to come up with an answer during Keesler's Warrior Knowledge Challenge. The May 4 event, sponsored by the 81st Mission Support Group's Noncommissioned Officers Association, tested teams on information in the Airman's Manual. The 81st Communications Squadron took first place and the esprit de corps award. The 81st SUPS was second, the 81st Contracting Squadron was third and the 81st Services Division had the best table decorations.



TRAINING AND EDUCATION NOTES

Drill downs, parades

The 81st Training Group's drill down competitions alternate with non-prior service student parades behind the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Student parades are 7 p.m. today, July 28 and Nov. 17. The September parade date hasn't been scheduled.

Drill downs are 7 a.m. June 3, Aug. 12 and Oct. 7. The annual championship is 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

For information on student parades, call Tech. Sgt. Charles Veillon, 377-2789. For information on drill downs, call Staff Sgt. Deanna Attaway, 377-2103.

Summer school

Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College-Keesler Center offers a summer term May 31-August 12.

Pre-registration for currently enrolled students is now available on the Web site. Registration by appointment in Sablich Center, Room 221 begins May 16 for active-duty military.

Students who will take English composition I, oral communication or a mathematics class for the first time must have an assessment of skills.

For more information, call 377-2287.

ACT deadline

The education office deadline to sign up for the July 11 ACT is May 26.

To sign up, visit Room 224, Sablich Center or call 377-2323 or 2171.

Homosexual awareness

Homosexual awareness training is scheduled for 9 a.m. every other month in the Sablich Center auditorium.

The dates: June 23, Aug. 18, Oct. 20 and Dec. 15.

Special programs

June 15 is the deadline for officers to apply for several competitive programs.

Programs include the Air Force Institute of Technology or Naval Postgraduate School master's and doctoral programs, Education With Industry, Space Lift Education and Crossover Program, Acquisition and Intelligence Experi-

ence Exchange Tour, Acquisition and Logistics Experience Exchange Tour, Space and Missile Acquisition Exchange Program, Marine Corps Expeditionary Warfare School, Information Officer Engineering Exchange and the Instructor Candidate Board.

Programs provide developmental education and crossflow development assignments for officers in the eligible career fields.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Hanna Chang, 377-7018.

WIA grants

Military spouses and veterans are now eligible for dislocated worker training grants under the Workforce Investment Act.

Categories that fall under the WIA definition of dislocated worker are honorably discharged veterans (given priority over non-veterans), military spouses who make a permanent change of station with military member, spouses of military members who are honorably discharged and surviving spouses of veterans and military members.

For more information, call the family support center, 377-2179.

Virtual education

The Air Force Virtual Education Center has been transferred to the Air Force Portal.

To access AFVEC, use the AFVEC URL, <https://afvec.langley.af.mil>, or go directly to the Air Force Portal, <https://www.my.af.mil/afvecprod>. Use your Air Force Portal user identification and password to log on.

First-time users are prompted to re-register some of their profile information and then are taken directly into their AFVEC profile.

For more information, call Joyce James, 377-7056.

Civilian tuition aid

Civilian employees assigned to Keesler are eligible for college tuition assistance.

Courses must be Air Force mission or job related and taken through a regionally accredited college or university.

Required paperwork is available at the education office, Room 224, Sablich Center.

NEWS AND FEATURES

NCO wins 3 Air Force awards

By Senior Airman Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

A member of the 81st Mission Support Squadron has earned three Air Force awards.

Staff Sgt. LaShawndra Singleton is the recipient of the 2004 Air Force Mission Support Award in the base level personnel technician and the overall outstanding Air Force Personnel Manager of the Year. She also is the recipient of the Air Force Association Award.

Sergeant Singleton was deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004. She helped establish a personnel office to serve two squadrons and 16 detachments.

She also rode on convoys to remote sites throughout Iraq to establish and maintain 12 Air Force programs and accountability of 1,600 Air Force members in Army billets.

In December, she was featured in a deployment story in Airman Magazine.

According to Allen Lowery, chief of career enhancements and one of her supervisors, she deserves the awards.



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Mr. Lowery is briefed by Sergeant Singleton shortly after Tuesday's colonels' board began.

"She is willing to go beyond the call of duty to get the mission accomplished," Mr. Lowery said. "At the request of her commander, she extended three months in Iraq."

Mr. Lowery said that Sergeant Singleton takes tasks head on.

"When she returned from

her deployment, we immediately put her as the noncommissioned officer in charge of officer promotions, a high-visibility job that she's done well in," Mr. Lowery said. "I wasn't surprised at all when she found out she had received these awards. She's a highly dedicated individual."

Retirees get red-carpet treatment Friday

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Friday, Keesler rolls out the red carpet for military retirees during the base's annual Military Retiree Day.

The agenda:

6-7 a.m. — breakfast with trainees, Azalea Dining Facility. Retirees and family members pay standard surcharge.

8-10:30 a.m. — health fair and information booths, Keesler Community Center.

The 81st Medical Group offers blood pressure screening and information about breast health, nutrition, TRICARE, smoking cessation, osteoporosis, sexual dysfunction and dental care.

Other booths are hosted by the finance, legal and personnel offices; skills development center, Hurricane Hunters, the Retired Enlisted Association and other organizations.

Every 15 minutes, buses leave the community center for windshield tours of the base. The heritage display is also open.

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — retirees receive front-of-the-line service at Sablich Center legal, finance,

personnel and vehicle registration offices. A shuttle runs every 15 minutes from the Keesler Community Center to Sablich Center.

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — free barbecue, marina park. Brig. Gen. William Lord, 81st Training Wing commander, speaks at noon.

12:30 p.m. — Warren "Bud" Schneeweis, director of the Military Officers Association of America's benefits information department, is the guest speaker, marina park. He gives an update on bills in Congress that affect military retirees and their families, as well as TRICARE. He also discusses changes in the survivor benefit program, concurrent retirement disability payments, combat-related special compensation, effects of remarriage on benefits of surviving military spouses, financial planning for retirees and annuitants and retired pay and Veterans Affairs benefits.

1-3 p.m. — free boat rides.

All day — sales at the base exchange; case lot sale at the commissary.

The event is co-sponsored by the retiree activities office and 81st TRW.

For more information, call 377-3871.

IN THE NEWS

Case lot sale

The Keesler Commissary plans a case lot sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Bishop conducts confirmation

Bishop John Kaisling of the Catholic Archdiocese of the Military Services conducts the Sacrament of Confirmation during the 10 a.m. Mass Sunday at Triangle Chapel.

Parking lot closed

Tuesday, the parking lot on the southeast side of the Keesler NCO Academy is closed for drill evaluations.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Frank Dominguez, 377-2750.

Special Olympics torch run

At 12:30 p.m. May 20, Mississippi law enforcers pass the Special Olympics torch to Keesler leadership and security forces at the White Avenue Gate.

The base route runs along Meadows Drive, Larcher Boulevard, Hangar Road and Phantom Street to the Fishbowl, parade grounds and Welch Auditorium. The torch is brought into the opening ceremonies that night by law enforcement representatives and athletes.

Airman convicted for fraud

AETC News Service

VANCE Air Force Base, Okla.— Staff Sgt. Louise Smith was found guilty of defrauding the government recently and sentenced to a bad conduct discharge, three months confinement, forfeiture of \$823 in pay during three months and reduction to airman basic.

During a local do-it-yourself move, Sergeant Smith's husband drove a 10,000-pound forklift onto the scale when weighing the family's household goods. The claim she submitted requested reimbursement for moving more than 21,000 pounds of household goods. The fraudulent claim netted her about \$3,000 more than she was entitled to.

AAFES implements Code Adam

AAFES Public Affairs

DALLAS — The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has implemented "Code Adam" in the event a child is reported missing.

When shoppers realize a child is missing, they should report to any sales associate for assistance. The associate announces over the public address system a "Code Adam in progress" and recites the child's description. All associates except cashiers begin searching the store for the child. Some associates have special assignments, like watching the front and rear doors and checking the rest rooms.

If the child isn't found in 10 minutes or less, security forces are called as the search continues. The "Code Adam" ends when the child is found or when police assume responsibility for the search.

Early deadline for Keesler News

The deadline for the June 2 issue of the Keesler News is noon May 26, four days earlier than usual, because of the Memorial Day federal holiday, May 30.

The newspaper office is closed May 30 in observance of the holiday.

BRAC,

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affected,” Colonel Fleming said. “We care about our people, and we want to keep our people informed and provide them the best possible information on the changes that will affect them.”

The Air Force Web page will have a breakdown of affected bases from the BRAC list, said Jeff Whitted, Air Force News Service opera-

tions division chief.

“We will also have links to frequently-asked questions, news articles, and DOD and Air Force information concerning BRAC,” he said. “As we receive new information, we will post it to this page.”

Local communities surrounding these installations will also be affected. Communities can address their concerns with the president’s commission at regional BRAC commission meetings or by contacting the commission at (703) 699-2950.

Phone hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. EDT, Mondays through Fridays.

The BRAC process will take months to be finalized. The secretary of defense’s BRAC recommendations aren’t final. The president’s BRAC commission reviews the list for conformity with the office of the secretary of defense’s force structure plan and published selection criteria and reports its findings and conclusions to the president by Sept. 8.

BRAC allows DOD to match force structure with capabilities

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military fighting the war on terrorism is far different from the military forces developed to confront the Soviet Union.

Today’s military is smaller than the Cold War force, but is already more agile and more flexible. And experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan show that joint operations allow the military to focus more power, more quickly exactly where it is needed.

The impetus to change will increase in coming years, and the base-realignment-and-closure process will allow Defense Department officials to match force structure with the necessary capabilities.

The BRAC process is a chance for the department “to get it right, right now,” said a senior defense official. Changes in the global military posture and the need to reduce overhead have combined to offer the military the perfect opportunity to rationalize the military infrastructure to the force structure needed for the future.

The process will also allow the military to improve its efficiency and place emphasis on joint training and operations.

“A primary objective of BRAC 2005 is to examine and implement opportunities for greater jointness,” officials said.

The process is meant to allow Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the BRAC commissioners to look across traditional lines to examine the potential for jointness. In fact, in the department, the entire decision-making process is joint at every level, officials said.

There are more than 520,000 DOD-owned facilities worldwide. Some are small plots of land with radio or radar towers. Others are huge ranges and bases. All are being looked at

to determine how each property fits into the new force-structure plan.

This force structure plan, together with statutory selection criteria, will be the basis for all decisions. Developed by the Joint Staff, the plan is based on the new national security and defense strategies. It looks out 20 years and tries to forecast threats, probable end-strength levels and anticipated funding levels.

The selection criteria were published in the Federal Register in December 2003 and later modified by Congress. The final selection criteria are set out in the BRAC statute, which specifies that “military value” as the primary consideration in making any closure or realignment decision.

Military value is reflected in the first four selection criteria and includes the current and future capabilities needed and the effect on operational readiness of an installation. This includes the effect an installation has on joint warfighting, joint training and joint readiness.

In addition, military value includes the availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace. Military officials have looked at training areas that will exercise forces in a variety of climates and terrains.

Military value also includes a “surge capability” that allows the department to accommodate mobilization.

Finally, military value includes the cost of operations and manpower implications.

The remaining criteria consider the extent and timing of potential costs and savings; the economic effect on existing communities in the vicinity of military installations; the ability of the infrastructure of communities to support forces, missions and people; and finally, the environmental effect, including the effect of costs associated with environmental restoration, waste management and environmental compliance.

PERSONNEL NOTES

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Long term care insurance seminar

Military personnel flight

Keith Rohnert, a Department of Defense program expert and contractor, is conducting an educational seminar about the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program, 2:30 p.m. May 24 in the Sablich Center auditorium.

Long-term care is ongoing care for people who need lengthy or lifelong assistance with daily living due to illness, injury, aging, or a severe cognitive impairment such as Alzheimer's disease.

Created solely for federal family members, the program is designed to protect insured individuals from the potentially high cost of long term care. It's sponsored by the Office of Personnel Management and is underwritten by two insurance companies — John Hancock and MetLife.

More than 207,000 federal family members are currently enrolled, making the program the largest group long-term care insurance plan in the country.

Testing change for chief promotion

Military personnel flight

Beginning this year, senior master sergeants competing for promotion to chief master sergeant take the Air Force's supervisory examination during the second week of September.

For the 05E9 cycle, the testing window is Sept. 13-16.

Testing is no longer conducted directly after Labor Day.

For more information, call 377-4361 or 7205.

Phoenix Eagle eligibility changes

Military personnel flight

For the Spring 2005 Air Mobility Command Phoenix Eagle Operations and Air Mobility Squadron Commander selection board which convenes May 18-19, AMC recently amended the squadron commander and chief of safety eligibility criteria to include all officers who have ever qualified in any AMC major weapons system, regardless of experience working under AMC.

For example, in the past, AMC didn't board officers who had qualified in the C-130E/H if they didn't also have an AMC assignment in their duty history. AMC will now board these officers. This change applies to any AMC major weapons systems.

For more information, call 2nd Lt. Hanna Chang, 377-7018.

Assignment listings available

Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Enlisted Quarterly Assignment Listing for the January to March 2006 cycle overseas requirements is available.

Airmen need to work through their military personnel flights to update their preferences by May 20. Deployed Airmen can work with their personnel representative to update assignment preferences. Airmen will be notified of their selection by mid-June.

EQUAL advertises upcoming assignment requirements by Air Force specialty and rank. Airmen should review, prioritize and update their assignment preferences based on the assignment list.

Airmen can view the lists online at <https://afas.afpc.randolph.af.mil/amsweb/master.cfm> or at local MPFs.

One-stop pay, personnel service

One-stop customer service for pay and personnel information is available all day, every day by calling toll-free 1-800-616-3775 or online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/cst/>.

Dishing it out



Photo by Kemberly Groue

Airman 1st Class Lauren Mariglia, 81st Medical Support Squadron, looks at some items on display at the Airman's Attic grand reopening May 2. The Airman's Attic relocated to the Bay Ridge housing area, 800 and 802 Rodenberg. Currently, hours are 3-6 p.m. Friday. For more information, call Senior Master Sgts. Marnice Anthony, 377-5752; Ben Allen, 377-7368; and Ellis Martin, 377-2648.

Asian-Pacific Heritage activities held through May

By Senior Airman Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

Keesler is honoring Asian-Pacific Heritage month with activities and special menus throughout May.

The theme of this year's celebration is "Bridging the Gap Between Our Differences — Promoting Diversity."

Here's a list of events and activities:

May 18 — Asian-Pacific lunch special, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., hospital dining facility.

May 19 — cultural extravaganza, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Keesler Community Center.

May 25 — Asian-Pacific meal menu, including Chinese five-spice chicken, beef and broccoli stir fry, Cantonese spareribs, egg rolls, shrimp fried rice, steamed rice, and lemon sesame green beans at base dining facilities.

Wednesdays — Asian-Pacific lunch buffet, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Keesler Club.

All month — display at McBride Library.

For more information, call Larry McKean, 377-3252; or 1st Lt. Lorelei Maloy, 377-1801.



Leadership camp for kids offers anti-drug strategies

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

DEFY is the message for Keesler kids this summer.

In this case, DEFY is Drug Education for Youth, a free eight-day leadership camp for children ages 9-12.

This is the second year for DEFY, held last year at Thrower Park in conjunction with the Seabee Base in Gulfport. This year, Keesler's deployment facility, a convenient walk to base recreational sites, serves as camp headquarters.

DEFY is structured to nurture the development of positive self-image and personality traits, according to camp coordinator Bill Cooley, 81st Medical Operations Squadron.

"It's a goal-oriented program to produce young people with character, leadership and confidence which equip them to engage in positive, healthy lifestyles as drug-free citizens," he explained.

The program's three parts:

Phase 1, the camp itself, consists of an academic curriculum focusing on self-management skills, drug resistance education and information skills, social skills and physical fitness, combined with educational field trips and swimming, bowling and other recreational activities.

"The emphasis is on team

DEFY deadlines

The DEFY Leadership Camp is 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 20-29 at the deployment center, Building 1917.

The free program is limited to 30 children ages 9-12 who are family members of active-duty members, reservists or Department of Defense civilians.

Friday is the deadline for staff applications. They're available in Room 5711, Locker House, Building 3101.

Staff members are enlisted members, officers or adult family members who are willing to devote two weeks to the camp and attend mandatory training, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 2-3. Military members need permissive temporary duty orders.

June 1 is the deadline for youth applications available at the youth activities center.

June 13 is a mandatory parents' meeting, 6:30 p.m. at a location to be announced.

June 30 is the camp graduation ceremony.

For more information, call Bill Cooley, 377-9221; Erica Trahan, 377-8485; Staff Sgt. Keith Trahan, 377-9364; or Senior Airman Eryka Ramirez, 377-8485.

building, conflict resolution, goal setting and self-confidence," Mr. Cooley said.

Phase 2 includes monthly meetings covering topics such as personal safety, relationships, study skills, nutrition, self-esteem, community cultural connections and coping with bullying.

Phase 3 encourages graduates to become active members of positive community-based activities such as Boy or Girl Scouts, Boys or Girls Club, Civil Air Patrol and other programs.

DEFY offers specific benefits to pre-teens.

"The program improves their ability to make effective decisions, resolve conflict, build effective interaction with adult mentors and transition into community-based youth involvement," Mr. Cooley noted.

"DEFY staff members are trained on interaction with children, conducting youth training sessions, order and discipline, and specific roles as friend, advocate and positive role model," he added.

News tip for the Keesler News?

Call 377-3163, 3837, 4130 or 7340, or e-mail KN@keesler.af.mil.

Volunteer role-players needed for exercise

By Steve Pivnick

81st Medical Group Public Affairs

Keesler joins local, state and federal agencies in Lifesaver 2005, a major Homeland Security and National Disaster Medical System exercise, May 24-26.

Volunteers are needed May 24 and 25 to act as patients.

A total of 206 people, active-duty and retired military, dependents and civilians, are needed May 24 at the Vancleave accident site.

Ground transport victims are moved to local Mississippi hospitals from Hancock County to Singing River Hospital in Jackson County.

Alabama victims travel to Mobile area hospitals. All incident site victims return to the Vancleave incident site for pick-up.

Another 80 active-duty military are required at Trent Lott Airport in Moss Point.

Ninety active-duty members are needed May 25 at the National Guard Combat Readiness Training Center in Gulfport.

Some active-duty role-players are flown to a regional facility and return later the same day.

On May 25, 90 active-duty volunteers are needed at Gulfport. These patients are also transported to three patient reception sites in Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas, returning later that day.

Volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes and leave loose jewelry at home.

Since moulage may ruin personal clothing, all simulat-

ed patients should wear old battle dress uniforms or old, clean clothing.

All patients should plan to eat breakfast, or dinner for those volunteering for nights, before they arrive the day of the exercise.

Limited food and beverages are provided at exercise sites, but volunteers may go a few hours without anything to eat or drink.

Volunteer patients should bring a small amount of food and beverages in a backpack small enough to fit under a regular commercial plane seat.

Active-duty volunteers must hand-carry their military identification card.

For those flying, alcoholic beverages may not be packed in hand-carried or stowed luggage. Under no circumstances will acids, fireworks, gunpowder, gasoline or other hazardous articles be packed in hand-carried or stowed luggage.

Weapons and potentially explosive devices aren't allowed on the aircraft.

Actual show times and locations will be announced.

Active-duty flying volunteers return to Keesler by 6 p.m., depending on weather and delays. Vancleave incident site volunteers are transported to the last hospital and return by 6 p.m.

Anyone wanting to volunteer or for more information, call Col. (Dr.) William Dunn, 81st Dental Squadron, william.dunn@keesler.af.mil.

No need for speed

81st Security Forces Squadron

As Keesler prepares to host the Mississippi Special Olympics May 20-22, the 81st Security Forces Squadron increases its patrol presence in the event areas.

The areas include Meadows Avenue from Third to First streets and Ploesti Avenue near the south hairpin.

Drivers are asked to slow down in the event areas or to find alternate routes to their destination in an effort to reduce traffic.

The 81st SFS also monitors special reserved parking throughout the event areas.



Chief McDowell

Supply chief plans to retire

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Chief Master Sgt. Levon McDowell, 81st Supply Squadron chief enlisted manager, retires Aug. 1 with 30 years of military service.

Chief McDowell, a native of Monroe, La., came to Keesler nearly two years ago. He advises the commander about utilization, training, management, welfare and morale of 80 enlisted members.

The chief, who enlisted in 1975, has spent his entire career in the supply field. In addition to Keesler, he's been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base, Colo.; Malmstrom AFB, Mont.; Spandahlem and Ramstein Air Bases, Germany; Luke and Davis-Monthan AFBs, Ariz.; McChord AFB, Wash.; Kunsan AB, Korea; Offutt AFB, Neb.; McConnell AFB, Kan., and Royal Air Force Molesworth, United Kingdom.

He's also deployed numerous times to Southwest Asia and the European theater.

He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska-Omaha.

He earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal and Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster.

The chief and his wife, Rosalind, have two sons, Jatari and Jahrael.

He's accepted a civilian position in Wiesbaden, Germany, following his retirement.

DOD committed to meeting military child care needs

By Terri Lukach
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Department officials are actively engaged in improving child care services for military parents, a top Pentagon official said here May 6.

John Molino, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy, said the days of mostly single, barracks-dwelling service members is a thing of the past.

“Today’s military is different,” Mr. Molino said. “A little more than 50 percent of the force is married, and about 44 percent of the force has children ranging in age from infants to college students. Each family has individual needs and different kinds of needs based on their age group.

“We have to accommodate those needs because we are sending people around the world where they are away from their families, from grandparents and from other traditional means of support,” he said. “We are also deploying more people than in the recent past, and when you do that, you create a single-parent family overnight. More often than not, that single parent has a job, a job they may need to survive.”

DOD officials are trying to reinforce programs that have been working successfully and to come up with creative solutions to help with new or anticipated needs, Mr. Molino said.

Extended deployments for large elements at an installation place an increased burden on those who have stayed behind, Mr. Molino said.

“Work hours are extended, duty days are extended, and we need extended child care hours because these people are simply at work for a longer day than they were before,” he said.

Two military installations, one in Virginia and one in Hawaii, have child care 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Mr. Molino said.

“It’s very innovative, very successful and very popular,” he said.

Many military parents need child care for the short term only — parents who are in training, or who just need a few hours to shop, to go out with friends or simply take a break, Mr. Molino said.

“We are providing that in many areas,” he said, “as well as going ‘beyond the gate’ to see what options are available in the community, and how existing services may be subsidized for families who are unable to take advantage of service provided on the installation.”

Child care initiatives available to active-duty servicemembers also are available to guardsmen and reservists, Mr. Molino said.

“If service members are going to be successful in their careers, if they are going to stay in the military, they need to know that the military is an environment friendly to families, friendly to children and an environment that will facilitate their career aspirations. That is key,” he said.

Keep safety in mind — it's barbecue time

Safety office and fire department

It's barbecue time, but charcoal and gas grills, fryers and other outdoor cookers can cause serious injuries and damage.

Keep these safety guidelines in mind:

Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for your grill.

Place the grill in an outdoor area at least 10 feet away from buildings, shrubbery, dry vegetation and pedestrian traffic.

Close nearby windows and doors.

Don't use a grill in a carport or on a porch or deck.

Never move a lighted grill indoors, regardless of the weather.

Never leave a lighted grill unattended.

Keep children and pets away from a hot grill.

Wear a heavy apron, long pants and an oven mitt. Cover your forearms with a mitt that extends over your elbow, or a long-sleeved, close-fitting shirt.

Use barbecue tools with long handles to keep hands and clothing away from flames.

Trim excess fat to reduce grease flare-ups.

Keep a spray bottle of water handy.

Clear away cooking equipment such as fire starters, charcoal, forks, tongs and dishes as soon as possible to prevent children from getting into them.

Make sure everyone knows to "stop, drop and roll" in case a piece of clothing catches fire. Call 911 if a burn warrants serious medical attention.

Charcoal grills

Don't burn charcoal in an enclosed area. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports about 25 people die and hundreds suffer from carbon monoxide poisoning each year from charcoal fumes.

Don't burn a charcoal in an indoor fireplace. The fire produced by the briquettes isn't hot enough to cause the chimney to suck the carbon monoxide out of the room.

Use starter fluids designat-



ed for your grill — never use gasoline. Keep the can and matches away from the grill.

If coals start to flag or are slow to burn, fan them or use dry kindling and rolled-up newspaper to give a boost. Adding liquid fuel could cause a flash fire.

After use, cover the grill, close the vents and allow the coals to cool overnight. If you're in a hurry, douse the fire with water.

Discard ashes into a metal container. "Dead" charcoal can re-ignite hours later. Spray with water for added safety.

Gas grills

Have your igniter ready when gas is turned on to prevent a flash burn or explosion.

If the burner doesn't ignite quickly, shut the valves, leave the lid open and allow the grill to air out for several minutes before you try to light it again. That avoids a buildup of explosive gases.

Store the gas cylinder outside and be sure the gas is turned off at the tank to prevent accidental ignitions.

Check the connections frequently for leaks using a soap-and-water mixture. Escaping gas causes bubbles. Tighten connections or call a professional to repair the grill.

Check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes, where the air and gas mix, aren't blocked.

Don't overfill propane tanks.

Reservists can benefit from new health care plan

By Terri Lukach

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A new health care plan, with coverage comparable to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance plan, is available to eligible members of the National Guard and Reserve and their families Monday, Defense Department officials announced recently at the Pentagon.

The new plan, called TRICARE Reserve Select, serves as a bridge for reserve component troops entering or leaving active duty who aren't covered by civilian employer or other health insurance plans. It applies to all reserve component service members who have been activated since Sept. 11, 2001, and who agree to continued service in the Selected Reserve. The coverage is applied retroactively, officials said.

"We are committed to providing the proper combination of compensation and benefits that will allow us to attract and retain the world's best fighting force," said Charles Abell, principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness.

He said that while large numbers of National Guard and Reserve service members have health insurance through their employers, DOD officials "recognize the importance of maintaining a continuity of care as they transition from their employers to serve with us and then back, as well as the need for some of them who may be self-employed or who work for small businesses to have health coverage."

The program is a nationwide, premium-based plan that closely resembles the TRICARE Standard coverage of the active-duty force. Its rates are based on the premiums for the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Standard Service Benefit Plan for federal government employees. Premiums are adjusted annually.

Reserve component service members and their family members also now are eligible for benefits 90 days before activation, and for up to six months after demobilization, said Thomas

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Hall, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs.

"For every 90 days of active-duty service, Guard and Reserve personnel are eligible for one year of TRICARE coverage for a modest fee," Mr. Hall said. "That means, for example, that personnel who have served two years of active duty are eligible for eight years of health-care coverage."

Dr. William Winkenwerder, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, praised the members of the National Guard and Reserve.

"They have shouldered a tremendous share of the global war on terror in which we are deeply engaged," he said, "and they have performed exceptionally well."

"They mobilized and deployed side by side with active-duty forces, many serving in Iraq and Afghanistan," Mr. Winkenwerder said.

"They served with pride and loyalty. And while we have, in the past, offered full health care benefits for these service members and for their families, this change will shortly offer a more comprehensive benefit for transition back to private life, and, importantly, the opportunity for those who have served in contingency operations, the option for obtaining TRICARE coverage on a longer term at very attractive rates."

Earn money while deployed with free, no-risk program

By Army Capt.
Patrick Sampsell

208th Finance Battalion

AFGHANISTAN — Do you remember when you were young being told “nothing good is ever free,” and “if it sounds too good to be true then it probably is”?

The federal government offers any service member serving in a designated combat zone, qualified hazardous duty area, or directly supporting a combat zone, an opportunity to participate in a savings program that is free, guaranteed and fully backed by the government.

Whether active-duty, Reserve or National Guard, service members are eligible to contribute up to \$10,000 to a no-risk, no-fee program that pays 10 percent annual interest, compounded quarterly.

Moreover, they can leave funds in the program for up to 90 days after redeployment and the account will continue to draw interest.

Service members are able to contribute to their Savings Deposit Program account on a monthly basis. The maximum amount per month is limited to the individual's unallotted income, the amount remaining after the collection and payment of all existing taxes, allotments and debt obligations.

Deposits to the program made on or before the 10th of the month accrue interest from the first of the month. Deposits made after the 10th of the month accrue interest from the first day of the following month.

Service members are able to make deposits into the program after serving 30 consecutive days in a designated area or by spending one day per month for three consecutive months in a designated area.

To establish an account, visit the local finance office with a current leave and earnings statement and make a deposit by cash, check or money order.

With an appropriate power

The Savings
Deposit Program
provides
a safe, no-risk
opportunity for
service members
to earn interest
benefits while
serving in
a combat zone.

of attorney, outside parties can make deposits into the program, as long as it doesn't exceed the service member's monthly disposable income.

There are limitations on when the money may be withdrawn.

It's intended that deposits made remain in the program at least until the person redeployes or moves.

Withdrawals are limited during the time within the designated area to those necessary to preserve the health or welfare of the service member or their family.

Additionally, any interest accruing in the account which causes the account to exceed \$10,000 may be withdrawn quarterly.

Money must be withdrawn within 90 days of exiting the designated area. Interest is accrued for as long as 90 days after redeployment.

After 90 days, the money no longer accrues interest, but no penalties are assessed, either.

The balance of the account is automatically sent to the address provided by the account holder.

To stop the allotment for the program, people must submit a Department of Defense Form 2558 upon arrival at home station.

Keesler's Rising VI gives back to base, local communities

By Airman 1st Class
Sarah Stegman

Keesler News staff

Being a member of Rising VI is more than just a good bullet on an enlisted performance report.

It's an opportunity for junior enlisted members to have their voices heard throughout the chain of command and the 81st Training Wing.

The association's purpose is to act as an information channel laterally, up and down the chain of command. It promotes professional development, welfare and morale of the junior enlisted members and their dependents stationed at Keeler and set an example for all according to the standards, tradition and customs of the armed forces.

With two-thirds of Keesler made up of Airmen who are technical sergeants and below, their voices should be the loudest, according to Staff Sgt. Kelly DiPierro, 81st Training Support Squadron.

"We are here to discuss the issues that are plaguing the junior enlisted at Keesler and to funnel information to the upper echelon so our concerns can be addressed and the problems corrected," she explained.

In recent years, the Rising VI has made a great impact on Keesler and the local community. The adoption of a child development center room and work in the playground area provided a safer, cleaner environment for many Keesler children.

"During the Troop Jubilation festival, the Rising VI rallied to ensure the cookout went off without a hitch, from setup to cleanup, to show our appreciation for our service members returning from deployment," Sergeant DiPierro said.

The Rising VI also has a representative at each quality of life meeting to elevate any concerns affecting quality of life to senior leadership.

The Rising VI promotes professional development, welfare and morale of the junior enlisted members.

"We've reached out to help underprivileged people living in the local communities as well as supporting Habitat for Humanity, Christmas in April and the Salvation Army's Angel Tree and serving Thanksgiving meals to less-fortunate community members," Sergeant DiPierro said.

The Rising VI has also started a \$250 scholarship to be presented at Community College of the Air Force graduations.

"We are always there to answer the call," said Tech. Sgt. Calvin Baumann, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron. "We actively support numerous organizations, both on and off base. As you drive around Keesler, you're bound to see something the Rising VI has made possible."

"The Rising VI has done great thing in the past, and these efforts will continue," said. Sergeant DiPierro. "The only thing that limits the good we can achieve is the lack of new ideas brought to the meeting, and we encourage all junior military members in the Keesler community to be an active part of the Rising VI."

The Rising VI meets at 3:15 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at the Keesler Community Center.

For more information, call Sergeant DiPierro, 377-9039.

Keesler Toastmasters bolster public speaking techniques

By Susan Griggs

Keesler News staff

Keesler's At Eze Toastmasters Club is a safe haven for members to nurture their speaking skills.

"Toastmasters can help anyone at any level of public speaking," explained Capt. Ronnie Michael, executive officer of Keesler's Marine Corps Detachment. "The speeches that you give at the meetings are evaluated by a seasoned Toastmaster and you receive immediate feedback.

"Most importantly, the members of Toastmasters are all there because they want to improve their public speaking skills, not because they need to get a good grade like in high school or college," said the captain, who serves as the group's president.

"If you think you're not a public speaker, look around the next time you stand up at a going away or a social event to say a few words — we're all public speakers."

Since Toastmasters was founded in 1927, the organization has spread throughout the United States and more than 80 countries, with about 195,000 members taking part in 9,300 Toastmaster clubs.

Captain Michael was introduced to Toastmasters 14 years ago while stationed at Camp LeJuene, N.C., but the club's schedule wasn't compatible with his training.

Since the captain arrived at Keesler two years ago, Toastmasters has taught him "to take my nervous energy and direct it toward making my speech a performance."

Toastmasters members receive a communication and leadership manual that offers a step-by-step approach to public speaking.

"Through the 10 projects in the manual, I learned how to increase or decrease voice volume to get and keep the attention of the audience and use effective visual aids," he noted.



Photo by Kemberly Groue
Marine Sgt. Bobby Sullivan, at podium, is the club's sergeant at arms and served as toastmaster of the day for the May 10 meeting. Lieutenant Burt is taking notes in the foreground.

Captain Michael said the ability to think quickly is the greatest professional benefit he's gained through Toastmasters.

"At each meeting we have a short session on impromptu speaking, in which the 'table topics master' provides a member a question or topic on which they must speak for one to two minutes," he noted.

First Lt. John Burt, chief of the 81st Mission Support Squadron's student personnel center, has always avoided public speaking, but in the seven months he's belonged to Toastmasters, he's gained a lot of confidence about saying what he needs to say and preparing speeches and presentations on short notice.

"I still get anxious, but now I can speak in a comfortable, professional manner," said Lieutenant Burt, who's the group's vice president for public relations. "Most people I talk to say they don't sense any nervousness from me. Talking to those I supervise as a group is much easier now."

At Keesler

Keesler's At Eze Toastmasters Club meets at noon Tuesdays at the Keesler Community Center.

Currently, the club has about 18 members. The group is open to all members of the Keesler community.

For more information, call Marine corps Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

"In Toastmasters, the mistakes you make while presenting don't count against you, unlike your job," he continued. "Toastmasters gives you a chance to practice and improve your speaking skills so you can do a better job where it counts."

Recently, Captain Michael was one of five contestants from Alabama, the Florida panhandle and south Mississippi in Toastmasters' divisional humorous speech contest.

"The one thing I learned is that packaging and presentation is essential to being a good public speaker," he pointed out. "Anyone can write a great speech, but the delivery — voice volume, hand and eye movements, gestures — are key elements that must be executed at the perfect moment to be an effective part of the speech."

Speech writing is about 25 percent of the presentation, according to the captain. The other 75 percent is the speaker's attire, articulation, knowledge of the subject, voice projection, pauses at key moments and refraining from using "distracters" such as uhs, umms and you knows.

"Think about it — of all the speeches given by President John F. Kennedy, the one that defined his speaking ability was when he paused and said, 'Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country,'" the captain stressed.

KEESLER NOTES

Blood pressure checks

Blood pressure screenings are offered mornings during May at the health and wellness center in observance of National Hypertension Awareness Month.

Texas Hold 'Em

The next round of Texas Hold 'Em is 7 p.m. Friday at the Keesler Community Center.

Practice round begins at 6 p.m.

The top eight players from each round secure their spot in the championship round May 19. The grand prize is a seven-night, eight-day Armed Forces Vacation Club trip and a \$100 gas card.

To register, call 377-8313, or e-mail keeslerpoker@mail.com.

Financial peace course

A free orientation for Financial Peace University is 3:30 p.m. Sunday at Larcher Chapel.

The 13-week Bible-based course, open to both married

and single people, starts 6:30-8 p.m. May 24 at the Fishbowl Student Ministries Center.

The cost is \$45 for students and \$100 for permanent-party members.

For more information, call Chaplain (Capt.) John Vander-Kaay, 377-2331.

Fashion show

The family support center hosts a fashion show and prize drawing to celebrate Military Spouse Appreciation Day, 11:30 a.m. May 26 at the Keesler Community Center.

Register for the drawing in Room 112, Sablich Center, or the family support center annex in the Levitow Training Support Facility.

Kids on the Move

Kids on the Move, a program for children whose families are moving to new assignments, is 6-7 p.m. May 26, July 28, Sept. 22 and Nov. 17 at the youth activities center.

The program is sponsored by the family support center

and youth activities center.

To preregister, call 377-2179.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link program is 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. June 2 in Room 130, Sablich Center.

Heart Link is a spouse orientation program for spouses with less than five years of Air Force affiliation. Limited child care is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

To register, call the family support center, 377-2179.

MPF hours

Hours for relocations, retirements and separations at the military personnel flight:

Appointments only — 8 a.m. to noon Mondays-working Fridays.

Walk-ins — noon to 4 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays.

For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Shirley Bailey, 377-2244.

Switchboard service

The 81st Communications Squadron evaluates the quality

of service provided by the base telephone switchboard.

Complaints or comments about the switchboard should be based on operator response time, type of assistance, courtesy, accuracy and speed.

Customer complaint records are available by e-mailing thomas.favalora@keesler.af.mil or calling 377-4778.

DRMO withdrawals

All withdrawals from Defense Reutilization and Management Offices must be processed through the base chief of supply.

Organizations aren't authorized to withdraw items directly from any DRMO by using the Defense Reutilization and Management Service Web site.

For more information, call George Contas, 81st Supply Squadron, 377-2360.

Hazardous waste

The hazardous waste accumulation facility is open in Building 4420 in the old Defense Reutilization and

Marketing Office compound on Parade Lane off Ploesti Drive.

Hazardous waste such as fluorescent lamps, batteries, mercury-containing thermostats, pesticides and aerosol cans are now turned here, rather than the base recycling center.

Except from 9-10 a.m. the first and third Tuesdays of each month, turn-ins must be coordinated by calling 377-5802 or 348-0321, or e-mailing thomas.minton@keesler.af.mil.

For more information, call Paul Pearl, 377-3004.

Composting moves

The composting yard on the corner of X and M streets at the southwest end of Building 4705 has been moved to the 81st Civil Engineer Squadron pit yard behind the building.

A recycling staff member is on site to inspect trucks for items that may be recyclable, such as cardboard, metals and white paper.

For more information, call Charles Biondo, 377-5803.

SPORTS AND RECREATION

Fitness, Navy-style



Courtesy photo

Navy personnel assigned to the 335th Training Squadron run at the Triangle running track for their company officers fitness challenge April 21. The challenge was a part of the Navy's 2005 spring physical readiness test cycle. The Navy's PRT test includes a 1.5 mile run or 500-yard swim, and maximum repetitions of both push-ups and sit-ups performed in a two-minute period.

2005 intramural softball season under way

By Senior Airman Lee Smith

Keesler News staff

The grass is green, the birds are chirping and the bats are swinging — it's time for softball.

The 2005 intramural softball season got underway Monday at the Triangle Fitness Center softball fields.

The 335th Training Squadron-A team is looking to repeat as champions after winning the 2004 post season tournament, despite a sixth place finish in the final American League regular season standings.

The 338th TRS-A team was defeated in the tournament championship last year and is looking to get back to the title game. The

338th TRS, like the 335th TRS-A team, overcame a sixth-place regular season finish to get to the tournament finals.

The 334th TRS is ready to extend its regular season winning streak, which began last year and led them to the top of the National League at 12-0.

The Center for Naval Aviation and Technical Training-A team tasted defeat just once during the regular season, putting them atop the American League standings at 13-1.

All National League games will be played Tuesdays and Thursdays, with the American League games on Mondays and Wednesdays.

All games are played at the softball fields.

Keesler youths kick it to higher level for promotion

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The following Keesler youth taekwondo students completed their tests in April and have been promoted:

Mark Velez, 10, son of Sandra Gallardo, 81st Medical Support Squadron, to yellow stripe.

Zachary Carawan, 11, son of Christian Carawan, 81st MDSS, to yellow stripe.

Jonathan Cusanek, 11, son of Norma and Dean Cusanek,

81st Security Forces Squadron, to green stripe.

Austin Wilken, 13, son of Joanna Ball, 81st Transportation Squadron, to yellow stripe.

Savannah Stanley, 7, daughter of Sabrina and Gregory Stanley, 81st Training Group, to yellow stripe.

Hannah Van Slyke, 7, daughter of Sandy and Jeffrey Van Slyke, 81st MDSS, to yellow stripe.

Gavan, 7, and **Tristan Morris**, 11, sons of Valarie

and Scott Morris, Navy, both to yellow stripe.

Nathan Brennan, 11, son of Lory and Joe Brennan, to yellow stripe.

Taekwondo is a martial art that originated in Korea. It's also a competitive sport that first appeared in the Olympics as a demonstration sport in 1988 and became an official event at the 2000 Olympic games.

Staff Sgt. Michael Munyon, 81st SFS, contributed to this report.

SCORES AND MORE

Bowling

Editor’s note: For more information, call Gaudé Lanes, 377-2817.

Summer leagues — registrations accepted for Monday League, Thursday morning seniors, Friday mixed, Sunday Incredibles have-ball and base intramurals.

Retiree Day special — Friday. Retirees bowl for \$1 per game with free shoe rental receive a 75 cent discount on the daily lunch special, and have their bowling ball cleaned free from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Birthday parties — 2-6 p.m. Saturdays. Reservations required. For more information, call 377-2817.

Family day — noon to 6 p.m. Sundays. Parents pay to bowl, their children bowl the same game free.

Hurricane Alley glow-in-the-dark bowling — 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Youth special — ages 17 and younger bowl for \$1 a game anytime except during Hurricane Alley.

Non-prior service students — show your UBU card and receive a discount for open bowling and Hurricane Alley.

Play and save cards — bowl 21 games for \$25.

Bowl-a-rama — open to 4 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays bowl two hours for \$8.95. 4 p.m. to closing Mondays-Saturdays, all-day Sundays, bowl two hours, \$9.95.

Fitness

Editor’s note: For more information, call Blake Fitness Center, 377-4385; Dragon Fitness Center, 377-2907, and Triangle Fitness Center, 377-3056.

Essay contest — for ages 6-17. For more information, call 377-4385.

America’s kids run — for ages 5-13, 10 a.m. Saturday at the Crotwell Track. Cost is \$5.

Wacky family fun — 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Crotwell track.

Running clinic — 11 a.m. or 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Crotwell Track.

Strive total body fitness challenge — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 25. Sign up at the Blake Fitness Center day of event.

Varsity teams — players and coaches are needed for both volleyball and softball teams. Interested members can sign up at either the Blake or Triangle fitness centers.

Sports physical — pediatric clinic provides sports physical for school-age students. To schedule, call the TRICARE appointment line, 1-800-700-8603.

Blake Fitness Center

Aerobic workout tapes — available for free checkout and use in the facility. For more information, call 377-4409.

Fitness assessments — appointments only. For more information, call 377-4385.

Dragon Fitness Center

Parent-child fitness room — open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays. Workout equipment and play area for ages 6 months to 7 years available.

Aerobics — variety of free classes offered at Dragon Fitness Center to accommodate most fitness levels. For more information, call 377-4409.

Parent/child fitness room — 6-8 a.m. Mondays and working Fridays with workout equipment and play area for ages six months to seven years.

Triangle Fitness Center

Squat, dead lift, bench press wall of fame. Best lifters in each weight category and gets photo on the wall of fame and free T-shirt. Competitions are 5 p.m. working Fridays.

Golf

Editor’s note: For more information, call Bay Breeze Golf Course, 377-3832.

Honor Guard golf tournament — noon today. Cost is \$35 per person, including lunch. For more information, call Jim Taylor, 377-2081, or Reginald Cobb, 377-1986.

Youth golf lessons — June 28-July 1, July 12-15 or July 19-22. Space is limited. For more information, call 377-3832.

Non prior service student special — \$15 for unlimited rounds each day, including green and cart fees and club rental.

Disks for disk golf — available for rent or purchase at outdoor recreation. For more information, call 377-3160.

Individual and group lessons — \$25 for 30 minutes.

Outdoor recreation

Editor’s note: For more information, call 377-3160 or 3186.

Deep seas fishing trips — 7 a.m. Sundays and down Fridays. \$40.

May fishing tournament — weigh in the largest ground mullet and receive a \$100 savings bond.

Fishing trips to the oil rigs — pick your day and call to reserve, \$100 per person. Maximum six people.

Dinner cruise — 4-8 p.m. Saturday and May 28. Cost is \$40 per person including meal.

Swimming lesson registration — 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today. Call for more information.

Base swimming pools — open May 28.

Boat slip rental — boats up to 20 feet \$50 per month; 20-50 feet \$2.50 per foot. Power and water included.

Pontoon boat training — test and certification and is necessary to rent a pontoon boat.

Fishing trips to oil rigs — available by appointment only. For more information, call 377-3160.

Softball

Editor’s note: All games will be played at the Triangle softball field number indicated. For a complete list of games, results , etc., log onto <http://www.eteamz.active.com/keeslerafb>.

American League

Monday — 5:30 p.m. 81st DS vs. firefighters, Field 1; 5:30 p.m. 81st SUPS/TRANS vs. 81st OSF, Field 2; 6:30 p.m. 336th TRS-B vs. 332nd TRS, Field 1; 6:30 p.m. 81st CS vs. 335th TRS-A, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 81st CS vs. 81st OSF, Field 1; 7:30 p.m. CNATTU-A vs. 81st CES-A, Field 2; 8:30 p.m. 81st MDOS vs. 338 TRS-A, Field 2.

Wednesday — 5:30 p.m. 335th TRS-A vs. 81st MDOS Field 1; 5:30 p.m. 81st OSF vs. CNATTU-A Field 2; 6:30 p.m. 738th EIS vs. 81st DS, Field 1; 6:30 p.m. firefighters vs. 336th TRS-B, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 338th TRS-A vs. 81st SUPS/TRANS, Field 1; 7:30 p.m. 332nd TRS vs. 81st CS, Field 2.

National League

Tuesday — 5:30 p.m. 338th TRS-B vs. 403rd Wing Field 1; 5:30 p.m. 81st SFS vs. AFOSI/Legal, Field 2; 6:30 p.m. 81st MSGS-B vs. 81st TRSS, Field 1; 6:30 p.m. 81st MSS/TRW/2nd Air Force vs. 333rd TRS, Field 2; 7:30 p.m. 81st MSGS-A vs. CNATTU-B, Field 1; 336th TRS-A vs. 81st CES-B, Field 2; 8:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 335th TRS-B vs. 81st MDSS, Field 2.

Volleyball

All games will be played at the Blake Fitness Center. For a list of games and results, log onto [www.eteamz.active.com/keeslerafb](http://eteamz.active.com/keeslerafb).

Monday — 6 p.m. 81st MDOS vs. 333rd TRS; 7 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 738th EIS; 8 p.m. 338th TRS vs. 334th TRS.

Wednesday — 6 p.m. 333rd TRS vs. 738th EIS; 7p.m. 334th TRS vs. 81st MDOS; 8 p.m. 335th TRS vs. 338th TRS.

Weather

Intramural sports officials have until 3 p.m. on game day to postpone or cancel games. If the weather becomes a safety issue after 3 p.m., the officiating crew will make a decision about whether the games will be played by 6 p.m.

Youth activities center

Youth sports program — for information on registrations for upcoming sports programs, call 377-4116.

Instructional classes — karate, ages 5 and older; gymnastics, ages 3 and older. For more information, call 377-4116.

Taekwondo — 6:30-7:30 p.m. for children, Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, call Michael Munyon, 239-6270

DIGEST

HONORS

Quarterly awards, January-March

81st Training Wing

Airman — Senior Airman Quan Holmes, 81st Training Support Squadron.

Noncommissioned officer — Tech. Sgt. Nicole Pearson, 81st Surgical Operations Squadron.

Senior NCO — Master Sgt. David Anthony, 336th TRS.

Company grade officer — Capt. Jeffrey Burns, 45th Airlift Squadron.

Honor guard airman — Airman 1st Class Solomon Rigsby, 81st Civil Engineer Squadron.

Honor guard NCO — Staff Sgt. Darren Howe, 81st Dental Squadron.

Honor guard senior NCO — Master Sgt. Andrea Turner, Keesler NCO Academy.

Honor guard company grade officer — 2nd Lt. Terry Demille, 81st Services Division.

Entry level civilian — Tammy Tanner, 81st MSGS.

Intermediate level civilian — David Cleland, 81st CES.

Senior level civilian — Adrien Augustine Sr., 81st Mission Support Squadron.

Student honor roll

332nd Training Squadron

Basic electronic principles — Airmen Basic Joseph Demers, Reese Jones and Isaac Toutpungi; Airmen Eric Kensel, Leslie Manhoo, Gregory Terrell, Kevin Veliz and Logan White; Airmen 1st Class John Allsion, Allan Batzel, Nathaniel Bell, Glenn Bishop Jason Bloss, Billy Chan, Tracey Coon, Scott Everett, Andrew Foust, Dimarko Holloway, David Jones, Aiden Kaskela, Denny Lora, Shaun Matthews, Marshall Nix, Benjamin Pratt, Samuel Rosa, Brandon Skidmore, Clyde Vickery, Cory Williams and Elizabeth Windham; Senior Airmen Rick Meisenhelder and Joshua Powell; Staff Sgts. Michael Buck, Kenyon Farmer, Lawrence Litzinger, Scott Love, Robert Parson and Gonzalo Roman; Tech. Sgts. Quomika Andrews and John Wiley; Master Sgt. Timothy Franklin.

334th TRS

Aerospace control and warning systems apprentice course — Airman Basic Ryan Kowalczyk; Airmen Ryan Bailey, Arthur Grasso and Michael Wood; Airmen 1st Class Morgan Davis, Patricia King and Brenden Villahashimoto; Senior Airman Adam Kujawski; Staff Sgts. Gary Fugitt, Victor Jugo, Sherman Pruitt and Douglas Richardson.

Air traffic control operations training flight — Airmen Basic Raymond Allen, Luong An, Ty Bare, Nicholas Blum, Brady Bush, Allen Cleveland, Nicholas Focarelli, Daniel Garcilazo, Dustin Griswold, Robert Harker, Graham Hintz, Holly Lester, Stephanie Lickliter, Jerry McKinney, Craig McMinimy, Joshua Shorter-Ivey, Joel Sines, Brian Stocks, Benjamin Sullins, Kyle Sweiderk, Keith Thomas, Laura Washer, Michelle White, Darryl Williams, Brianna Wilson and Justin Yates; Airmen Latasha Bethea, Eric Friedman, Marco Griffin and Shawn Stene; Airmen 1st Class Erik Aarness, Nicholas Balalong, Justin Burby, Thomas Crowther, Joseph Crutcher, Noah Dunlap, Jonathon Farkasofsky, Melissa Landis, James Marzullo and Jason Stegmann; Senior Airmen Connie Chong and Jeremy Martin; Staff Sgts. Jon Dalton, David Iglesias and Rodney Martin; Warrant Officer 4 Themistoklis Sidiras; 1st Lt. Edit Nemes; Capt. Chia Fan.

335th TRS

Comptroller training flight — Airman Basic Meisha Nixon; Airmen 1st Class Kimberley Harding, Jeanine Mayo and Beau Westmoreland; Senior Airmen Michael Cadore, Janice Cordell, Jeffrey Gillespie, Jordan Knotts, Jeffrey Porter, Nicole Taylor and Matthew Tucker; Staff Sgts. Munguia Cavazos, Lafietta Christian, Charles Kerr, Misty Makin, Anthony Pounds, Dale Ramirez and Salvador Talamo; Tech. Sgts. Matthew Riggs and Lucas Terry.

Weather training flight — Airmen Basic Christopher Bieber, Michael Lacey, Jesse Sewelson, Tiffani Sineath and Charles Sullivan; Airman Austin Dartez; Marine Pvts. John Kairawicz and Cheyenne White; Airmen 1st Class Jeffrey Belisle, David Green and Nick Steininger; Navy Airmen Chad Geis, Logan Handley and Herman Schol; Senior Airmen Kristin Midiri and Stuart Vogt; Staff Sgt. William Acevedo; Tech. Sgts. James Everhart and Craig Grant; Master Sgt. Lanny Jones.

CHAPEL SERVICES

Latter-Day Saints

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints — student group service, 2 p.m. Sundays, Triangle Chapel. Student family home evenings, 7 p.m. Mondays, Fishbowl. For more information, call 374-5627.

Biloxi Ward — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays, 14928 Big Ridge Road, North Biloxi. For more information, call 435-9506.

Protestant

Sunday worship

Larcher Chapel traditional service.....8:30 a.m.
Fishbowl student contemporary service.....10 a.m.
Larcher Chapel praise and worship service.....11:15 a.m.
Triangle Chapel gospel service.....11:30 a.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....10 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-2520 or 4625.

Prayer service for peace — noon Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 377-4861.

Roman Catholic

Sunday Mass

Medical Center Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 8 a.m.
Medical Center Chapel8:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....Sacrament of Reconciliation, 9:30 a.m.
Triangle Chapel.....10 a.m.

Weekday Masses

Medical Center Chapel11:15 a.m.
Fishbowl.....Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Sunday religious education

September-May.....8:30 a.m.
Classes held at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For class schedules, call 377-4625.

Islamic

Building 2003 — for international students, temporary duty and permanent party; prayer five times daily; Salaat ul-Jumma congregational prayer, noon Friday.

For more information, call 377-2520 or 0327.

Orthodox

Holy Trinity Church (Greek Orthodox) — 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi; Divine Liturgy, 10:30 a.m. Sunday. For more information, call 388-6138.

St. Mary's Church (Eastern Orthodox) — 3224 D Ave., Gulfport. For more information, call 864-1568.

Jewish

Beth Israel Synagogue — 1946 Southern Avenue, Biloxi. Services 8 p.m. Fridays; an Oneg Shabbat follows each service. For more information, call 388-5574 or visit cbibiloxi@juno.com.

338th TRS

Computer, network, cryptographic and switching systems course — Airmen Basic Krystina Benscoter, Eli Campbell, Brent Jones and Christopher Myers; Airmen 1st Class Noel Baez-Agosto, Stavros Kalfoglou, Thomas Olaes, Carlos Quintanilla, Nathan Trimble and Shaun Wehe; Senior Airmen Terry Grouly, Jeffrey Kilby and John Martin; Staff Sgts. Derek Boddy, Elizabeth Mumford, Daniel Newman and Frank Perez.

Radar systems flight — Airmen 1st Class Daniel Beurer and Theodore Donald; Senior Airman Steven O'Leary; Staff Sgt. Dwayne Patterson; 2nd Lt. Andrej Gerjevic.

PROMOTIONS

2005 Air Force Personnel Center boards

Monday through May 27 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

July 6-21 — lieutenant colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

July 25-29 — senior noncommissioned officer supplemental.

Aug. 2-12 — blocked.

Aug. 15-26 — command screening.

Sept. 12-23 — colonel line, JAG, BASC, MSC, NC.

Sept. 26-30 — special selection.

Oct. 4-6 — blocked.

Oct. 11-21 — chief master sergeant evaluation.

Oct. 25-27 — Air National Guard colonel, second session.

Nov. 14-18 — colonel, lieutenant colonel and major MC, DC.

Dec. 5-16 — major line, CHAP, JAG, BSC, MSC.

TRICARE

Beneficiary services — active duty and dependents enroll at Keesler Medical Center, Room 4B-107, 377-9962. To enroll in TRICARE Prime, retirees and their dependents call 1-800-444-5445 or visit the TRICARE Service Center, 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650.

Claims services — 1-800-403-3950.

“Urgent” after hours primary care manager access — 1-877-794-4629.

Health benefits/beneficiary counseling, debt collection assistance — call Carolyn James, 377-6580, or Linda Davis, 377-6001. Ms. James is in Room 4B-106 and Ms. Davis is in Room 4B-105 in Keesler Medical Center.

Education center for women — in women's health services at Keesler Medical Center, offers educational tools for women's health issues. TV/VCR, interactive touch screen computer and multimedia computer connected to the Internet are available for personal viewing; videos may be viewed in the clinic or checked out for home use. Walk-ins welcome. For appointments, call 1-800-700-8603. For more information, call 377-6920 or 6921.

Keesler Medical Center clinic hours — family practice, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, 8 a.m. to noon Saturday. Urgent care, pediatric clinic hours, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

On the Web — Keesler Medical Center's Web site is <http://www.keesler.af.mil/81mdg>. For TRICARE information, visit <http://www.tricare.osd.mil>. For Region South information, visit the Humana Military Healthcare Services Web site, <http://www.humana-military.com>.

TRICARE Service Center — 2130 Pass Road, Biloxi, 385-6650. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

CLASSES

Airman Leadership School

Class 05-D — graduates May 31.

Keesler NCO Academy

Class 05-4 — graduates May 26.

First Term Airmen Center

No classes for the rest of the month.

Chapel

Book of Acts adult Bible study — 6:30-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. For more information, call David Moore, 594-0072.

Women's Bible study — 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Topic is Beth Moore's "Breaking Free." Child care available. For more information, call Bonnie Nikolaus, 818-9412.

Keesler Medical Center

Shaving clinic — pseudofolliculitis evaluations 1-3 p.m. Wednesdays.

Allergy/immunization clinic — 7 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. working Fridays. For more information, call 377-6543.

International travel clinic — weekly appointments available; schedule at least three weeks before a planned trip. Travelers should provide a list of destinations when they book an appointment and bring their immunization record to the appointment. For appointment, call Pat Baugh, 377-6166.

McBride Library

Orientations for college students — 6 p.m. Wednesday and May 25.

Story time — 2 p.m. Wednesday and May 25, ages 2-5.

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Asian Pacific American Heritage book and poster display — during May.

Library services — free Internet use, copies 10 cents a page, copy machines 5 cents a page, fax first page \$3 and each additional page \$2, local and incoming faxes 50 cents a page.

Orientations/volunteer work — For more information, call 377-2181.

Arts and crafts center

Beading — intermediate Saturday; \$25 per person, per class, plus \$15-20 supply kit. Advanced May 21 and 28; \$30 plus a \$15-\$20 supply kit. For class times, call 377-2821.

One-stroke beginner painting — 1-3 p.m. May 21. \$40 including most supplies.

Photography — 6 p.m. May 24. \$10; learn composition and camera use.

Ceramic painting — Specialty class 10 a.m. May 20. \$40 plus supplies.

Beginner ceramic painting — 10 a.m. Saturday. \$5. Learn decals; paint and brushes provided.

Rubber-stamped card making — 6 p.m. Tuesday. \$10.

One-stroke project class — 1-3 p.m. May 21. \$25 plus supplies. Sign up by May 19; one-stroke beginner painting is prerequisite.

Pottery — for more information, call 377-2821.

Advanced matting — 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. May 27. \$20 including supplies; beginning framing class is prerequisite.

Beginning intarsia woodworking — 5-7 p.m. Friday and May 20. \$15 including supplies and tool use; maximum three students.

Advanced intarsia woodworking — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. May 21. \$20 including supplies and tool use; maximum 3 students.

Parent and me ceramics — 10 a.m. Saturday, ages 4-7. \$10 including supplies; second child \$5.

Family fun night — 6 p.m. Tuesday. All types of birdhouses. \$10 per project including supplies.

TRANSITIONS

Workshops, briefings

Transition assistance three-day workshop — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. June 6-8, July 11-13, Aug. 8-10, Sept. 12-14, Oct. 3-5, Nov. 7-9 and Dec. 5-7, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592 or e-mail ronald.bublik@keesler.af.mil.

Retirement and veterans briefing — 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. today, June 9, July 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, Oct. 6, Nov. 10 and Dec. 8, Room 130, Sablich Center. To preregister or for more information, call 377-8591 or 8592.

PALACE Chase information briefings — 10 a.m. first and third Tuesday of each month, Room 216, Sablich Center. For more information, call Master Sgt. Tony Woods, 377-7116.

Health care professionals — needed by the Air Force Reserve. Critical Air Force Specialty Codes available in Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida units are 44M3, 44Y3, 46F3, 46P3, 47G3, and 48R3. Some may be eligible for signing bonus or loan repayment. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. George Adams, health professions recruiter, 377-8332, or e-mail george.adams@keesler.af.mil.

Barnes Air National Guard Base, Mass. — Airmen who've completed their enlistment and don't have a military service obligation may qualify for \$15,000 enlistment bonus in the Massachusetts Air National Guard. For more information, call 1-800-247-9151, DSN 698-1567 or e-mail recruiting@mabarn.ang.af.mil.

Missouri Air National Guard, Jefferson Barracks — looking for officers to fill positions as air battle managers, pilots and navigators with Air Force Specialty Codes 013B3K, 013M3, 011B3Y, 011G3, 012F3Y, 011F3B, 012F3Y, 013B3B and W011G3Y. For more information, call DSN 824-8504 or commercial 314-527-8504.

Employment assistance

Upcoming class — federal job applications class, 9-11 a.m. Tuesday; participants should go online and bring an example of a job in the government they would like to pursue to be used in completing class exercise. To register, call 377-2179.

Employment Network Center — 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3:45 a.m. working Fridays, Room 126, Sablich Center. National and local job search information and Internet computer access for active-duty and military family members, free e-mail service, fax service and computers and laser printers to complete resumes and federal job applications. For more information, visit Room 126, Sablich Center, or call 377-8593 or 8592.

Web sites

Defense Manpower Data Center — <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dors> or <http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/tbb>.

Air Force Blue to Corporate Gray — <http://www.blue.togray.com>.

America's Job Bank — <http://www.ajb.dni.us>.

Air Force Federal Employment Resume and Information — <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/resweb>.

Civilian job certification and licensing requirements for military personnel and veterans — <http://www.dol.gov/dol/vets>.

Department of Veterans Affairs — <http://www.vba.va.gov/efif/index.htm>; for members returning from Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

Southern Region Military and Civilian Job Fair — <http://www.mesc.state.ms.us/jobfair>.

New military spouse career center — <http://www.military.com/spouse>. Extensive job board including jobs from public and private sectors. For more information, call Vince Patton, 703-269-0154, or e-mail at vince@militaryadvantage.com.

Computer use

Government computers — commanders may authorize their use for the preparation of personal resumes by people separating or retiring from the service on an "as available" basis as long as use of the equipment for the purpose doesn't adversely affect the mission.

Transition employment opportunities public folder — go to e-mail "public folders" and click on "transition employment opportunities" for job opportunities for active duty and family members. For more information, call 377-8592 or 8593.

CLUBS AND CENTERS

Keesler Community Center

Texas Hold 'Em — 7 p.m. Friday. \$4 Keesler Club members, \$7 nonmembers. Everyone's invited to stop by, cook your own steak and watch the grand finale May 19.

Adult and youth guitar — half-hour lessons, 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. \$55 per month. For appointment, call 377-3308.

Piano lessons — 5 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, ages 5 through adult. For fee information, call 377-3308.

Weight Watchers — 5:45 p.m. Thursdays; weigh-in 5:15 p.m.

Coloring contest — pick up coloring/activity sheet; submit entry by 4 p.m. May 19.

Vandenberg Community Center

Eight-ball pool tournament — 6-9:30 p.m. Mondays.

Nine-ball pool tournament and country DJ — 6-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Karaoke — 6 p.m. Thursdays before nonworking Fridays.

CyberSport — Internet gaming 3-10 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays. For information on weekend hours and free lessons, call 377-4519.

Armed Forces Day dance — 6 p.m. May 21. \$3; dance contest, prizes.

Late night dance and DJ — 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays and Saturdays. \$3. People with birthdays in May show ID card and get in free third Friday of the month.

Youth activities center

Friday teen night — 6:30-10 p.m., ages 13-18. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

Preteen night — 5:30-9 p.m. Saturdays, ages 6-12. \$5. Games, activities, movies and special events. Register by Wednesday each week.

Free home alone course — 6-7 p.m. May 19, ages 10 and older; register by Wednesday.

Kids on the move relocation workshop — 6-7 p.m. May 26, ages 6-12. To register, call 377-2179.

Three-on-three soccer registration — throughout May, ages 5-12. \$30 including jersey, socks and participation award.

Summer camp opportunities — registrations accepted now for summer camp for those completing kindergarten through grade 6; counselor-in-training program for youth at least 13 years old or in grade 7; summer youth volunteers and the youth employment skills program for grades 9-12. For more information, call 377-4116.

Karate — 6:30-7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays ages 6 and older. \$30.

Gymnastics — Mondays and Wednesdays, ages 3 and older. \$30 per month. Call for times and age groups.

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DINING FACILITIES MENUS

Today

Lunch — herb baked chicken, cornbread, stuffed cabbage rolls, fried catfish, blackeyed peas and rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, baked sweet potatoes, mixed vegetables, peas, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Dinner — roast pork loin, cornbread, jaegerschnitzel veal with mushroom sauce, glazed cornish hen, potato halves, orange rice, gravy, carrots, pinto beans, corn combo, fruit salad, potato salad, cream of broccoli soup, chicken and wild rice soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and Italian pepper beef sandwich.

Friday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, Swiss steak, garlic toast, stuffed peppers, macaroni and cheese, garlic toast, steamed rice, gravy, corn on the cob, Spanish beans, peas and carrots, pasta salad, three-bean salad, clam chowder, vegetable soup, frontier chicken chili, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Dinner — lasagna, spaghetti and meat sauce, Italian sweet sausage, garlic toast, mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli polonaise, cauliflower, Italian baked beans, pasta salad, three-bean salad, cornbread, clam chowder, vegetable soup, chicken chili, corn O'Brien, barbecue pork sandwich and burritos.

Saturday

Lunch — crispy baked chicken, cajun meatloaf, ribeye steak, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, broccoli, French peas, glazed carrots, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Dinner — fish almonidine, stir-fry chicken with broccoli, pork chops, rissole potatoes, rice pilaf, gravy, calico corn, club spinach, fried okra, fruit medley, kidney bean salad, bean soup, chicken gumbo, chili and buffalo wings.

Sunday

Lunch — tuna and noodles, sauerbraten, chicken breast filet parmesan, au gratin potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower combo, peas, fried cabbage, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Dinner — ginger barbecue chicken, fried shrimp, spinach lasagna, orange rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, black-eyed peas, lima beans, corn O'Brien, tomato salad, jellied spring salad, vegetable beef soup, Italian wedding soup, frontier chicken chili and cheese pizza.

Monday

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, baked Italian sweet sausage, peppers and onions, rice, mashed potatoes, gravy, cornbread, broccoli polonaise, carrots, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Dinner — roast turkey, baked ham, raisin sauce, fish and fries, cornbread, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, succotash, tempura vegetables, cottage cheese salad, macaroni salad, chicken dumpling soup, chili, cannonball sandwich and chicken nuggets.

Tuesday

Lunch — onion lemon baked fish, pork schnitzel steak, beef and spaghetti, garlic toast, baked and mashed potatoes, gravy, pinto beans, spinach, stewed tomatoes, spinach salad, waldorf salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, chicken noodle soup and steak and cheese subs.

Dinner — paprika beef, barbecue beef cubes, chicken fajitas, O'Brien potatoes, rice, gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, lima beans, waldorf salad, spinach salad, white chicken chili, seven-bean with ham soup, steak and cheese subs and tacos.

Wednesday

Lunch — Mexican baked chicken, jalapeno corn bread, beef fajitas, Mexican pork chops, refried beans, Mexican corn, gravy, pinto beans, peas and carrots, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

Dinner — pita pizzas, country style steak, fried chicken, jalapeno cornbread, oven brown potatoes, mashed potatoes, gravy, fried cauliflower, bean combo, cabbage, coleslaw, cottage cheese salad, pasta fagioli soup, chicken tortilla soup, vegetarian chili, cheese fishwich and cheese pizza.

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Training responsible adolescents in leadership/Keystone Club — 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays, ages 13-17.

Keesler Club

Editor's note: Dining is open to all ranks.

Lunch buffet — 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays-working Fridays, except holidays. Specials are Mongolian barbecue Mondays, ribs Tuesday, ethnic Wednesdays, catfish the last working day each week.

Wednesday special — 4:30 p.m. until they're gone, free wings and things for club members; \$3 for nonmembers. Drink specials and progressive pot cash giveaway for members.

Enlisted Warrior Lounge

NASCAR race watch parties (all ranks) — Saturday and May 21 and 29; call for times. Food and drink specials, prize giveaways; club members register to win a trip for two to a major NASCAR event.

Hot dogs — \$1 Mondays through Saturdays.

Pinochle (all ranks) — 7 p.m. Tuesdays.

Karaoke night — 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. Fridays.

Latino night — May 20. 7-8 p.m. dance lessons. 8 p.m. to 2 a.m. DJ. Drink specials.

Rhythm and blues night — 9 p.m. till, Saturdays.

Urban nights — 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. Thursdays before non-working Fridays.

Snack and drink specials — 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Progressive pot cash giveaway Wednesdays for members.

TICKETS AND TRAVEL

Pensacola Beach, Fla. — June 17. \$20 including round trip transportation; sign up and prepay by June 15.

KIRT

Keesler Integrated Resource Team members serve the community needs of military personnel and families. Member agencies support mission readiness and provide preventive or intervention services to promote mental and spiritual growth, physical health, and strong military members and their families.

KIRT members are:

Life skills enhancement center — 377-6216, comment line 377-6780.

Family support center — 377-2179.

Family advocacy — 377-7006.

Family member program — 377-3077.

Health and wellness center — 377-5305.

403rd Wing — 377-3277.

Chapel — Larcher, 377-4859; Keesler Medical Center, 377-6337; Triangle, 377-2520, and Fishbowl Student Center, 377-2331.

Classes, seminars

Passport to Parenthood/Bundles for Babies — 6-8 p.m. today, May 19 and 26, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.

Financial awareness for the military spouse — 9-11 a.m. Monday, Room 130, Sablich Center. To register, call 377-2179.

Marital enrichment classes — 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, May 24 and 31, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.

Tobacco cessation class — starts Wednesday, noon or 5 p.m. sessions, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305. Next class starts Aug. 3.

Parenting classes — 3-5 p.m. Wednesday and May 25, family advocacy office, Sablich Center. For reservations, call 377-7006.

Stress management classes — 4 p.m. May 24 and June 7 and 21, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

Healthy cooking demonstration — noon May 26 and June 30, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

Sensible weigh — four-week class, 11 a.m. Thursdays starting June 9, health and wellness center. For more information, call 377-5305.

VOLUNTEERS

Editor's note: Included are base organizations, events, training orientation and other information for volunteers. For more information on opportunities in the surrounding communities, call Jackie Pope, 377-8590.

Mississippi Special Olympics Summer Games — May 20-22. Volunteers needed for opening ceremonies, volleyball, feeding tent, huggers, cheerleaders and other areas. Volunteers are also needed to cheer torch runners, noon May 20. Map of torch route and schedule of events is on Keesler's secure Web site. Those who haven't signed up with a squadron representative, call the volunteer hotline, 377-4263 or mailto:cmnorma@cableone.net.

Airmen Against Drunk Driving — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Shironda Gilchrist, 377-4477.

American Red Cross-Keesler Chapter — provides volunteers for disaster assistance and other emergency responses. Training is provided and skills are matched with current needs. For more information, call Richard Huffman Sr., 377-3030.

Chapel — for more information, call 377-2520.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for more information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Family support center — for more information, visit the center, Room 112, Sablich Center, or call 377-2209 or 4293. Free child care available.

Fisher House — for more information, call Larry Vetter, 377-8264.

Girl Scouts — for more information, call Beverly Brooks, 864-7215, or Cindy Callahan, 388-7757.

High school students — dependents of active-duty people who want to earn money toward college by volunteering, call Jeri Peterson, 377-3349.

Honor guard — for more information, call 377-1986 or 2081.

International military student office — for more information, call 377-4228.

McBride Library — for more information, call Bill Province or Tonie Day, 377-2181 or 2604.

Medical center — for more information, call Emily Shelton, 377-1444.

Retirees activities office — for more information, call 377-3871 or 7309.

MEETINGS

Recurring

African-American Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Paulette Powell, 377-2270, or Kurt Higgins, 377-1390.

Air Force Association, Chapter 332 — 11:30 a.m. second Monday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call or email Capt. Ted Cassin, 377-3727, or edward.cassin@keesler.af.mil or e-mail Paul Deitke, pdeitke@member.afa.org.

Air Force Sergeants Association, Chapter 652 — 11 a.m. third Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Master Sgt. Scott Sippel, 377-9444.

Air Force Sergeants Association Auxiliary — 6 p.m. third Thursday of each month. For location and more information, call Timlie Reis, 396-5872.

Alcoholics Anonymous — 8 p.m. Thursdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call 396-0823.

Amateur radio club — 7 p.m. second Monday of each month, second floor, Hangar 3, next to the Civil Air Patrol. For more information, call Staff. Sgt. Brad Godwin, 377-0341 or 875-3223, or Staff Sgt. Tony Tran, 377-1200 or 396-4547.

American Federation of Government Employees Local 2670 — 11:30-1 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Helene Almond, 377-6850 or 4518.

Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Committee — 3 p.m. first Wednesday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. John Dianala, 377-6154, or Larry McKean, 377-3252.

AWANA — 4:30-6:30 p.m. Sundays August through May at the former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets, for preschool through high school students. For more information, call Tasarla Shaw, 377-2520.

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SHUTTLE BUS SCHEDULE

6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:01	:31 338th TRS, Building 6965
:02	:32 Welch Auditorium
:04	:34 Smith Manor
:07	:37 Cody, Dolan and Thomson Hall
:08	:38 Supply
:09	:39 Shoppette
:10	:40 Shaw House
:11	:41 Main exchange
:12	:42 McBride Library
:13	:43 Medical center, Tyler House
:14	:44 Sablich Center
:15	:45 Dental clinic
:16	:46 Allee and Wolfe Halls
:17	:47 Base operations
:18	:48 Hangar 4
:19	:49 Thomson Hall

10 a.m. to 9 p.m. off-Fridays, weekends, holidays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:00	:30 332nd TRS, Building 6955
:02	:32 Shoppette
:04	:34 White Avenue Gate
:05	:35 Shaw House
:06	:36 Main exchange
:07	:37 Keesler Federal Credit Union
:08	:38 Medical center, Tyler House
:09	:39 Sablich Center
:10	:40 Dental clinic
:13	:43 Marina park
:14	:44 Bay Breeze Golf Course
:15	:45 Pass Road Gate
:17	:47 Welch Auditorium
:18	:48 338th TRS, Building 6965

Technical training route 5:10-5:30 a.m. weekdays

Minutes after hour	Bus stop
:10	Shaw House
:12	Muse Manor
As required	Tyler House
:14	TLQ east side 2000 block
:16	TLQ east side of Locker House
:17	332nd TRS
:18	335th TRS
:20	Welch Auditorium
:26	Thomson/Dolan/Cody Halls
:27	McClellan Hall
:28	Allee/Wolfe Halls
:30	Stennis Hall/Weather

Prior-service students lodged off-base

Allow four-minute window for times; lobby area pickup.

To Keesler via Highway 90: 5:15 a.m. and 1:25 p.m., Comfort Suites, Comfort Inn and Holiday Inn; 5:18 a.m. and 1:28 p.m., Howard Johnson Express and Best Western Swan; 5:21 a.m. and 1:35 p.m., Ramada Limited; 5:25 a.m., Edgewater Inn; 5:32 a.m. and 1:50 p.m., Biloxi Beachfront and Holiday Inn Express.

To Keesler from north of base: 5 a.m. and 1 p.m., Martinique; 5:01 a.m. and 1:04 p.m., South Palm Villas; 5:06-5:10 a.m. and 1:10-1:16 p.m., Ocean Springs Days Inn, Howard Johnson, Holiday Inn and Hampton Inn; 5:11-5:16 a.m. and 1:20-1:31 p.m., Ocean Springs Country Inn and Suites, Ramada Limited, Best Western and Comfort Inn; 5:18-5:22 a.m. and 1:41-1:47 p.m., D'Iberville Wingate Inn, Quality Inn and Travelodge; 5:25-5:35 a.m. and 1:53-1:56 p.m., D'Iberville Howard Johnson and Suburban Lodge.

Back to off-base lodging: 3:30, 4:30 and 6:15 p.m., street side of Hewes Hall for Bryan, Jones, Hewes and Garrard halls; 3:33, 4:33 and 6:18 p.m., Thomson Hall stop for Hangar 3, Thomson, Cody and Dolan halls; 3:36, 4:36 and 6:21 p.m., McClelland Hall; 3:38, 4:38 and 6:23 p.m., behind Allee Hall for 7-level building, weather building and Allee, Wolfe and Stennis halls; 3:41, 4:41 and 6:26 p.m., stop between base exchange and McBride Library.

Duty passengers have priority over "space available" riders. Schedule may be impacted by increased official operations or severe weather. Those who are physically challenged or have excess baggage, call 377-2432 for the base taxi. For more information, call 377-2430.

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Blacks in Government — 5:15 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Building 4002 (Supply), Room 109. For more information, call Flo Clay, 377-8681.

Boy Scout Troop 253 — 6:30 p.m. Mondays, Building 0007, Thrower Park. For more information, go to <http://www.geocities.com/biloxi253/> or call Louie Fontes, 377-1519 or 392-0646.

Breast cancer support group — 6 p.m. first Tuesday of each month, general surgery clinic. For more information, call 377-3454.

Breastfeeding support group — for more information, call Jodi Qualters, 872-9190.

Cancer support group — 6 p.m. second Tuesday each month, medical procedures clinic lounge. For more information, call 377-6588.

Chapel ropes — 6:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fishbowl Student Center. For more information, call 377-2331.

Charismatic intercessory prayer service — 5:15-6 p.m. Wednesdays at former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets.

Christian men's fellowship luncheon — noon Tuesdays, Triangle Chapel. Bring lunch. For more information, call 377-2520.

Christian singles — various hours and activities at The Haven. For more information, call Willie Page, 392-1399.

Civil Air Patrol, Col. Berta A. Edge Composite Squadron — 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Room 210, Hangar 3. For more information, call Lt. Col. Linda Steel-Goodwin, 377-7152 or 436-3353, or CAP 1st Lt. Hank Rogers, commander for seniors, 435-6270.

Company grade officers council — 4 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Keesler Club. For more information, call Capts. Branin Klausman, 377-4045, or Jeffrey Burns, 377-0663, or visit <https://wwwmil.keesler.af.mil/CGOC/index.htm>.

Cub Scout Pack 214 — for information, call Staff Sgt. Christian Carawan, 385-9433, or Tech. Sgt. Mark Tempone, 594-2003.

Cub Scout Pack 281 — 6:30 p.m. first, second and fourth Thursday of each month, Triangle Chapel Annex. For more information, call 1st Lt. Garon Shelton, 377-2046; Norma Cusanek, 432-3160, or Chad Taylor, 594-0877.

Dorm council — 7 a.m. first Wednesday of each month, Live Oak dining facility. For more information, call 377-6158 or 6680.

Hispanic Heritage Committee — 3:30 p.m. Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-2985 or 216-0569; Carlos Puig, 385-2985, or Dee McKaig, 432-1090.

Hispanic Employment Committee — 4 p.m. second Wednesday of each month, family child care building, Thrower Park. For more information, call Maria Ochoa, 377-2211, 388-3426 or 216-0569.

Keesler Officers Spouses Club — for more information, call Michelle Harper, 872-579; Amanda Letonoff, 432-8626, or Patty Stiles, 392-8582.

Keesler Christian Home Educators Association — 7-9 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, September through May, former chapel located at corner of H and 2nd streets. Open to all military home educators. For more information, call Vicky Walton, 436-6408, or e-mail chajanding@aol.com.

Keesler Riders Association — 3:15 p.m. first Tuesday of the month, Keesler Community Center, for motorcyclists. For more information, call Gerald Gardner, 377-2386, or Tech. Sgt. Joanna Ball, 377-2430 or 2432.

Medical center officers spouses club — for more information, call Stephanie Ritter, 374-2464, or Belinda Manuel, 432-7734.

Multiples support group — For more information, call Marty Cummings, 388-4595.

Order of Daedalians — 6:30 p.m. third Tuesday of each month, Daedalian Room, Keesler Club.

Play group — 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesdays, youth activities center, infants through 4 years. For more information, call 377-7006.

Prayer warriors network — 6 a.m. Mondays, Triangle Chapel.

Protestant youth group — 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sunday, 7-7:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays, Larcher Chapel. For more information, call Jeremy Allen, 377-2520.

Retired Enlisted Association, Magnolia Chapter — 7 p.m. second Thursday of each month, Magnolia Room, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Larry McKean, 374-5922.

Rising VI Association — 3:15 p.m. third Wednesday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Anthony Thomas, 377-8628.

Toastmasters — noon Tuesdays, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Capt. Ronnie Michael, 377-7395; or Michael Bayne, 872-9359.

Top III Association — 2 p.m. first working Friday of each month, Keesler Community Center. For more information, call Senior Master Sgt. Damian Orslene, 377-9464; Master Sgt. Stephen Marrotte, 377-2052; Senior Master Sgt. Marnice Anthony, 377-5752; Master Sgt. Rudolfo Frescas, 377-2142; or Master Sgt. Richard Phillips, 377-5249.

Weight Watchers — Thursdays, Keesler Community Center. Weigh-in starts at 5:15 p.m., meeting at 5:45. For more information, call Debbie Wilson, 831-8772, or e-mail debbie_weightwatchers@yahoo.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

Movies

Editor's note: Movies are shown at Welch Auditorium. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children for regular features, and \$2.50 for adults and \$1 for children for matinees. For a recorded message about current features, call 377-6627.

The schedule for this week's movies wasn't submitted by the Keesler News' noon Monday deadline.